THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Development of regional hub depends upon the traffic and commercial viabilities of such operation from the airports as perceived by airline operators. Airports Authority of India is undertaking following works to upgrade Guwahati airport to international standards:—

(i) expansion of terminal building,

(ii) central air conditioning of arrival and departure halls,

(iii) strengthening of existing runway,

(iv) expansion of apron.

Non-Availability of Refuelling Ladder at Amritsar Airport

1211.SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA:

SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Amritsar Airport did not have the ladder required for refuelling Air Buses on 24th December, 1999;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to make all the airports self-sufficient in respect of such equipinents to prevent delays?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Step ladders are not required for refuelling of aircraft. Refuelling of aircraft is done with the help of bowsers available with the Oil Companies.

International Airport at Agra

†1212. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project to develop the Airport at Air Force area at Agra into an International Airport was made;

(b) if so, the time-frame for completing the said project and project's status at present; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.